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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH

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1. FOLLOWING BIO DATA PREPARED BY CONOFFS ON BASIS OF PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH ALBINO AROSO, NOMINATED JAN 20, TO BE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH.

2. AROSO, IN HIS EARLY FIFTIES, HAS BEEN HEAD OF GYNECOLOGICAL SERVICES AT SANTO ANTONIO HOSPITAL IN OPORTO SINCE 1971. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS SEVEN CHILDREN. OLDEST DAUGHTER IS FOURTH YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT. ONE SON IS ARCHITECTURE STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF OPORTO. ANOTHER DAUGHTER HAS SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS IN THE U.S. AS A STUDENT. WIFE LAURA IS A NURSE.

3. AROSO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN THE NORTH FOR THE POPULAR DEMOCRATS (PPD). HE AND HIS WIFE ALSO HOLD LEADING POSITIONS IN FAMILY PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS. THEY HAVE TRAVELED WIDELY IN EUROPE. AROSO IS PRESIDENT OF OPORTO LIONS CLUB.

4. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER AROSO TO BE MORE A DOCTOR AND ADMINISTRATOR THAN A POLITICIAN. HE APPEARS TO HAVE A VERY FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD THE U.S. HIS REPUTATION AT SANTO ANTONIO IS EXCELLENT BOTH AS A MANAGER AND A MEDICAL SPECIALIST.  
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